

# Sarah Roberts



Sarah Roberts is vice president and director of the Independent Environmental Assessment and Verification program at ORAU. She sets strategy and has full operational responsibility for the program, providing leadership and technical direction to program managers and staff. In 2010, she began directing a large-scale site characterization project for the Department of Energy, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The project focuses on detailing the nature and volume of any contaminants to ensure appropriate cleanup and demolition of the site.

Roberts has more than 15 years of experience in nuclear decontamination and decommissioning. Previously, Roberts worked as associate director for ORAU's Independent Environmental Assessment and Verification Program, serving as a technical expert on issues related to health physics and radiological surveys. During her career at ORAU, she has held a series of advancing leadership positions managing verification projects for DOE and Nuclear Regulatory Commission sites. Roberts has worked as a survey projects manager, leading health physicists in performing independent verification survey activities and as a health physics project leader, planning, implementing, and managing radiological and chemical surveys for contaminated sites.

Prior to joining ORAU, Roberts worked in both the Department of Energy weapons complex and nuclear power sectors - providing technical expertise in the areas of radiological engineering and health physics for the cleanup of such sites as Rocky Flats, Yankee Rowe, and Fort St. Vrain. She has also held radiological safety manager, radiological engineer, health physicist, and related roles at various institutions across the country.

Roberts holds a master's degree in health physics from Colorado State University and a bachelor's in biology and medical technology from Ohio University. She is certified by the American Board of Health Physics and is a member of the local and national chapters of the Health Physics Society. Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) is a university consortium leveraging the scientific strength of 105 major research institutions to advance science and education by partnering with national laboratories, government agencies, and private industry. ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the U.S. Department of Energy.